

ACTS

PASSED BY THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF THE

TERRITORY OF UTAH,

AT THE SESSION BEGUN AND HELD AT FILLMORE CITY, DECEMBER 10,
1855.

AN ACT—Providing for holding a Convention, with a view to the admission of Utah into the Union as a State.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah, That an election shall be held in each precinct in the several counties, at the usual places of holding the general election, on Saturday, the 16th day of February, A. D. 1856, at which time and places the electors may vote for or against holding a Convention to take the preparatory steps for the admission of this Territory into the Union as a State, and for such persons as they may wish to elect Delegates thereto, according to the following apportionment:

Great Salt Lake and Summit Counties,	Sixteen.
Weber and Desert “	Four.
Iron and Washington “	Three.
Davis county,	Three.
Green River “	One.
Tooele “	One.
Utah “	Five.
Juab “	One.
San Pete “	Two.
Millard “	Two.
Carson “	One.

Sec. 2. The election shall be conducted in accordance with the "Act regulating Elections," approved Jan. 3, 1853, so far as applicable, and so soon as the general abstract of the names voted for as delegates is made out, the county clerk shall furnish an official notification of election to each person found elected, which notification, upon presentation at the office of the Secretary of the Territory, shall entitle the person holding it to a certificate from the Secretary, or to a seat in the Convention in case that officer, from any unforeseen cause, should be prevented from giving such certificate.

Sec. 3. The Delegates shall meet in the Council House in Great Salt Lake City on the third Monday in March A. D. 1856, shall qualify by taking the customary oath, which may be administered by any person authorized to administer oaths, and shall proceed to organize by choosing a President, Secretary, and such other officers as they may deem proper.

Sec. 4. The Convention is authorized to form and adopt a Constitution for the now Territory of Utah, with a view to its admission into the Union as a State on an equal footing with the original States; to define the boundaries by which the new State shall be limited, and designate the name by which it shall be known, to memorialize the President and Congress of the United States for its admission, to take such other lawful and prudent measures as they may deem necessary for the accomplishment of so desirable an object; and to elect and authorize Delegates whose duty it shall be to present the Constitution, Memorial, and other appropriate Convention documents to the President and Congress of the United States; and to use their best efforts towards procuring a favorable action thereon.

Sec. 5. The Convention shall submit the Constitution which they form and adopt, the names of the Delegates they elect and their other public documents, designed by them to be entrusted to said Delegates, to the people for their approval at such time and places and in such manner as it may prescribe, and if approved by the people, the Delegates thus elected shall forthwith repair to Washington, District of Columbia, to perform the duties herein specified, and such other duties as the Convention may with propriety devolve upon them.

Sec. 6. In event that the electors in Carson county do not receive timely notice of the election to be held on Saturday the 16th day of February next, as herein before specified, the Probate Judge of that county is hereby empowered and required to hold such election

on any subsequent day, Sundays excepted, that will leave sufficient time for the Delegate to reach the Convention, and until he shall appear to take his seat, the present Representative from that county, the Hon. Enoch Reese, is authorized to act in his stead.

Approved Dec. 17, 1855.

AN ACT—Providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the Territory of Utah.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah, That a Census Agent shall be elected by the joint vote of this Legislative Assembly, who shall be sworn to discharge the duties of his office.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Census Agent to ascertain the number of inhabitants in this Territory, distinguishing males and females and number in each county, and make a report thereof to the Governor, on or before the first Monday in March next.

Sec. 3. The Census Agent is authorized to appoint such number of assistants as he may deem proper, [who shall qualify as the Agent, and act under his direction.

Approved Dec. 17, 1855.

500 COPIES ORDERED TO BE PRINTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

GEORGE HALES, PUBLIC PRINTER.

Dec 14. 1855

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ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE
TERRITORY OF UTAH

Sec. 1. I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the annual convention of the Territory of Utah, held at Salt Lake City, on the 14th day of December, 1855, and that the same have been read and approved by the convention.

Sec. 2. I shall be the only officer of the convention, and shall be authorized to sign and publish the same, and to cause the same to be printed and distributed to the members of the convention, and to the public.

Sec. 3. The Convention shall be held at Salt Lake City, on the 14th day of December, 1855, and shall be held annually on the same day.

Witness my hand and seal, this 14th day of December, 1855.

AND THE ORDER OF THE TERRITORY OF UTAH
IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED.
JAMES H. HARRIS, SECRETARY.